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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I am writing in response to the Committee's communications with the Agency and Ranking Member Udall's letter dated April 9, 2019, to Administrator Andrew Wheeler. In that letter, Ranking Member Udall sought information concerning the EPA's effort to establish a standard organization structure for its regional offices that more closely align with EPA Headquarters' structure.

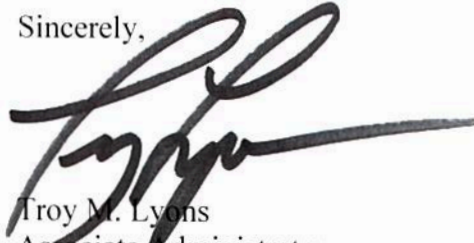
To date the EPA has provided multiple responses to the Committee's inquiries regarding the reorganization. Today, the EPA is providing a document production that is responsive to requests for information on full time equivalent (FTE) staffing levels throughout the Agency. The Agency trusts that the Committee will use this production to understand the realignment efforts currently underway and to fulfill its responsibility to provide appropriations for the operation of the EPA.

Please note that this production contains documents that reveal internal Agency information that is non-public information of an Executive Branch agency and, as such, raise a confidentiality interest. Therefore, we have added a header and footer to these documents that reads "Internal Document of the U.S. EPA; Disclosure Authorized Only to the Senate and House Committee on Appropriations for Oversight and Appropriations Purposes." Through this accommodation, the EPA does not waive any confidentiality interests in these documents or similar documents in other circumstances.

The EPA respectfully requests that the Committee and staff protect the documents and the information contained in them from further dissemination. Should the Committee determine that its legislative mandate requires further distribution of this confidential information outside the Committee, we request that such need is first discussed with the EPA to help ensure the Executive Branch's confidentiality interests are protected.

If you have further questions, you may contact me, or your staff may contact Travis Voyles in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at Voyles.Travis@epa.gov or (202) 564-6399.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy M. Lyons', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Troy M. Lyons
Associate Administrator

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Richard C. Shelby, Chairman
The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Vice Chairman
The Honorable Tom Udall, Ranking Member